WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Taking over of the ancestral home of Swami Vivekananda

*86. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of educationists of Calcutta have presented a memorandum to the Prime Minister during his recent visit to the city demanding the taking over of an ancestral home of Swami Vivekananda in Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) We have information to the effect that acquisition was contemplated by the State Government some years ago. More recently, the question of declaring the ancestral home as a monument of national importance was examined and the Govt. of West Bengal, Department of Archaeology was requested in April, 1984 to consider preserving it as a memorial.

Development of Calcutta Airport

*87. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI R. K. MAJUMDER:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken any specific steps for the improvement of the Calcutta airport; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement furnishing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The following steps have been/are being taken for improvement of Calcutta Airport:—

(i) The International Departure check-in area has been extended to accommodate more passengers.

(ii) New Slat type conveyor belts have been introduced on the domestic side and the existing conveyor belts on the international side have been modified.

(iii) Free self-help trolley system, special facilitation services through trained Airport Hostesses and round-the-clock medical facilities have been introduced.

(iv) Communication facilities are being upgraded by introduction of modern equipment.

(v) A New Domestic Terminal with a peak hour capacity of 2450 passengers is proposed to be constructed during the current Five Year Plan at an estimated cost of Rs. 27.68 crores.

(vi) Interim modifications to existing terminal building, expansion of cargo and ware-housing facilities, runways, taxiway, aprons, roads and external services and improvement of operational and facilitation equipment are being carried out.

(vii) Calcutta Airport is offered as a point of call to foreign airlines wishing to operate through India.

Development and expansion of aviation services

*88. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently announced a number of steps to augment aviation services in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the schemes being implemented for the development/expansion of the aviation indus-